

Launch of the Construction of the Homes for 44 Homeless Families

The construction of the half-built houses of the families, recognized as beneficiaries of the state-supported project, launched on April 16, 2019, to solve the housing problem of the families living in disaster zones, left homeless as a result of the earthquake. The project launched in Lernapat village of Lori Region with Aramayis Yesayan's house construction.

The Minister of Territorial Administration and Development of RA Suren Papikyan, the Chairman of Urban Development Committee of RA Vahagn Vermishyan, the First Deputy of Chairman of Urban Development Committee of RA Armen Ghularyan, the Governor of Lori Region of RA Andrey Ghukasyan, the Advisor to the Governor of Lori Region of RA Levon Aslanyan, the Head of the Urban Development Department of the Lori Municipality Armen Janazyan, the Head of Lernapat village Saribek Abazyan, responsible staff members from the Urban Development Committee of RA and Lori Region Municipality, Fuller Center for Housing Armenia President Ashot Yeghiazaryan and staff members were present at the event.

According to the RA Government 1339-N Decision, made on November 22, 2018, AMD 458 mln. was allocated from the state budget for the completion of 44 half-built houses in 13 rural communities of the province.

"Today is a significant day in our region; the construction of 44 family houses of the Lori region disaster zone is launching. We are currently in Lernapat community, near the unfinished building belonging to one of the project beneficiaries. We are confident that our partner, Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, which has undertaken the construction of these houses, will complete the construction with high quality within the period of time stipulated by the contract signed with the beneficiary families. I congratulate the beneficiary families and all of us on this important project launch," said Lori Region Governor Andrey Ghukasyan.

For the implementation of the project the RA Government is partnering with the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia Charitable Non-Governmental Organization.

"We are given the opportunity to implement this project for families who have suffered for decades. The peculiarity of our program is that the families build their homes themselves, and I am convinced that this is the most effective way that gives the family more than a house," said Ashot Yeghiazaryan, President of the Fuller Center for Housing. "My son, Arkadi was 2-month-old when the earthquake occurred. Now he is an adult man, he has a family and a child, who continue living in the metal container. After many years of deprivation and hardships, hope finally seems real. I wish my late wife could share the joy of our family," said Aramayis Yesayan.

By the end of the year the hard memories of living in a metal container will remain in the past for 44 families.





VIVACELL-MTS&FCHA PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHED IN PARPI VILLAGE



This year, VivaCell-MTS and FCHA, started construction projects from the village of Parpi. The housing program, being implemented by partner organizations, gives low-income families an opportunity to build homes on their own and with the help of volunteers.

"We kick start the first construction of this year. The long cherished dream of this family will be made true, which have been united by a willingness to be useful to our compatriots. That is one of the most important achievements of the program. That urge to help others, the empathy, willingness and purpose are very important for the construction. I am confident that this positive energy will fill this home with joy and light. And if everyone is united to be useful to one another, our country will flourish," said VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian.

5 CONSEQUENT YEARS UWCD HELPING BUILD HOMES



On May 6-8, students from the UWC Dilijan collage joined to the mission of FCHA to help the families in need to build their semi-constructed houses and have a decent home to live in. This year the volunteers helped to build the house of Kirakosyan family from Geghakert village of Armavir Region.

It is already the 5th year of partnership; this year, 16 students from UWCD, from 14 countries, came together to work and make real a difference.

"Collaborating with the FCHA to help the Kirakosyan family has been an amazing and beautiful opportunity for all of us. It was so nice that we were able to interact with the family, which we were helping because we actually got to see why we were doing this work. It's an experience that none of us will forget and it will be one of our most special memories of our time here in Armenia." ~ UWCD students.

IN ARMENIA WITH THE MISSION TO HELP



On 19 May -June 11, the first 2019 Global Builders team from USA, led by Abie Alexander joined Fuller Center for Housing Armenia team to help the Hovhannisyan family from Mrgastan village, Armavir region to sooner finish the house construction.

On 21 May, PH International English Access Micro scholarship Program students also joint the team giving a helping hand to the family.

It is already the second year Abie Alexander, a loyal friend of FCHA, leads teams to Armenia.

"I leave other places with heavy bags - but Armenia, with a heavy heart," shared Abie.

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